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YALE REPORT--THE OVERALL PICTURE

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A. Army

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B. Navy

The Navy's chain of command as one unit of the Army is precisely given. All vessels are named and classified except for ketches, yawls, steam-powered canoes, and the newest types of DT's. The Report was aware, however, that the Navy has DT's. The percentage of successful attempts to get the battleship Missouri out of Hampton Roads is precisely assessed. The possible use of the USS Constellation in anti-submarine warfare is discussed, but it is believed that the opposition of the ancient Chiefs who draw sea pay while living aboard her tied up to a dock in Newport would be too strong a deterrent. The cost of officers' clubs at naval bases and air stations, furnished by the taxpayers is rather conservatively given as \$259,000,016<sup>62</sup><sub>21</sub>. News somehow leaked out that the slot machines were removed from NAS Anacostia but that Bingo is still played there Wednesday nights; it was also discovered that no

drinking is done at naval establishments because of the rule against it in Navy Regulations. In an all-out war between the US and the USAF, it is believed that the Navy would be an important factor, though it is presently hampered through not having developed budget techniques for the befuddlement of Congress as advanced as those employed by the Air Force. On naval subjects, by and large, Fenimore Cooper makes better reading than the Report.

### C. Air Force

One Air Force officer was identified who had four square feet of sheer valor on his left breast. All Air Force officers have wings. It takes a great deal of imagination to be an Air Force intelligence officer, and astounding feats of imagination are said to have been performed in that department. The greatest single institution in the Air Force is called "Flight Pay", a device which enables second lieutenants to buy expensive automobiles as a reward for wasting government gasoline. One of the main purposes for having the Air Force is to display General Vandenberg's profile, standing with the other Joint Chiefs peering at a globe. From a reading of various Air Force publications and publicity releases, the Report was able to infer that actually the Air Force has no airplanes at all because the whole appropriation has had to be spent for public relations. This is not considered a serious weakness, however, as it is estimated that the Air Force would not know what to do with an airplane if it had one.

### D. Recent Developments in Weapons

Since the war, the US has not attempted to develop any new weapons because it was felt that the first job was to find the old ones. These are mostly scattered around in various parts of jungles on Guadalcanal Island, BSI, where some ordnance officer tried to hide them in the underbrush. Since then, the parrots have been seen and some of them are still there, and there is

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believed to have been a certain amount of deterioration. If anyone can ever find the things, however, the Pentagon is planning an extensive renovation program which ought to put the weapons department in excellent shape.

#### E. Developments in Electronics

Very little was discovered about electronics as the authors were not quite sure what the word meant. There were a few trivial disclosures such as the electronic jeep which will be used in inter-planetary warfare, the electronic brain which will be installed in all officers having none of their own, and the electronic hypnotizer which will cause Congressmen to think only in terms of enormous military appropriations.

#### F. Atomic Warfare

The method of constructing the bomb is precisely given--you just scrape together a lot of atoms and put them in a bomb. New developments were discussed, particularly the atomic firecracker for use on the Fourth of July; this will enable parents not only to get rid of the kids for the day but for good. The atomic explosion at Bikini is said to have splashed water all over the place.

#### G. Biological Warfare

Biological warfare is correctly defined as the War between the Sexes. This, the Report says, has been going on for years, and there isn't a hell of a lot you can do about it. The Report regretfully states that women are probably here to stay, but offers some small consolation in pointing out that, after all, you've always got whiskey. The principal weapon in Biological Warfare is not the A-bomb but the G-girl which is used with deadly effect to pursue and trap the human male.

#### H. Chemical Warfare, and Resources

Chemical (or Comical) Warfare is just what it always has~~been~~--a group of wistful old Army officers pleading tearfully for just one chance to blow poison gas at somebody. The principal lethal gases are Lewisite which smells like geraniums; Chlorine, which smells like hayseeds, and Air Force officers, who act like hayseeds. There are also Nervous Gas, High Octane Gas, and the Congressional Record. The part on Resources says that there has been a serious shortage of brass in the US but that recently, an almost inexhaustible source has been discovered in Virginia directly across the Potomac River from Washington, D. C.

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